

# White-Nose Syndrome in Bats:

## What Visitors Should Know



### ● What Is White-Nose Syndrome?

White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a condition associated with **the death of over 400,000 bats** in the northeastern United States in the past three years.

### ● How Does It Spread?

It is believed that **WNS is spread by humans** carrying fungal spores on gear and clothing between caves and mines. Once it is established, WNS seems to be highly communicable between individual bats.



### ● What Can I Do to Help?

Please **DO NOT use gear** (equipment, helmets, ropes, clothes, lights, boots, packs, etc.) at Lava Beds that has been taken into a cave or mine in the northeastern U.S. in the past three years, even if there were no known bats in those areas.



**Do not** use gear at Lava Beds that has been used in the following states:

New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington D.C.

### ● For More Information:

Visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website  
<http://www.fws.gov/>

